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SPRINGFIELD, IL - The Illinois Field Office of NASS today released the USDA's **December 1 Hogs and Pigs Report**.

ILLINOIS

The **number of hogs and pigs** in Illinois on December 1, 2009 was 4.35 million head, unchanged from December 1, 2008. Breeding hogs on hand were estimated at 480 thousand head, down ten thousand from a year ago. Market hogs, at 3.87 million head, were up slightly from a year ago.

The **pig crop** during September, October, and November of 2009 was 2.46 million pigs, up three percent from the same period in 2008. There were 260 thousand sows that farrowed, up two percent from a year earlier. The litter rate for the quarter averaged 9.45 pigs saved, up from 9.40 for the same quarter last year.

Farrowing intentions for the December 2009 through February 2010 quarter are 255 thousand, two percent more than during the same period a year ago. The first estimate of intentions for the March through May quarter of 2010 is for 260 thousand sows to farrow, up 10 thousand from the same quarter in 2009.

UNITED STATES

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2009 was 65.8 million head. This was down 2 percent from both December 1, 2008 and September 1, 2009. **Breeding inventory**, at 5.85 million head, was down 3 percent from last year and down slightly from the previous quarter. **Market hog inventory**, at 60.0 million head, was down 2 percent from both last year and last quarter.

The September-November 2009 pig crop, at 28.8 million head, was up slightly from 2008 but down 2 percent from 2007. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.97 million head, down 2 percent from 2008 and down 6 percent from 2007. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 51 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 9.70 for the September-November 2009 period, compared to 9.50 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.40 for operations with 1-99 hogs and pigs to 9.80 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

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U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.95 million sows farrow during the December 2009-February 2010 quarter, down 2 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008. Intended farrowings for March-May 2010, at 2.94 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2009 and down 4 percent from 2008.

The total number of hogs under contract owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 44 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 43 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: INVENTORY NUMBERS DECEMBER 1, 2008-2009

	Illinois			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Breeding	490	480	98	6,062	5,850	97
Market	3,860	3,870	100	61,087	59,957	98
Under 50 lbs.	1,270	1,230	97	19,428	19,085	98
50-119 lbs.	1,140	1,190	104	17,396	17,062	98
120-179 lbs.	800	760	95	12,731	12,529	98
180 lbs.& over	650	690	106	11,533	11,282	98
Total	4,350	4,350	100	67,148	65,807	98

HOGS AND PIGS: FARROWINGS & PIG CROP, 2008-2009

	Illinois			United States		
	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008	2008	2009	2009 as % of 2008
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Sows Farrowing						
Dec-Feb 1/	250	255 2/	102	3,011	2,954 2/	98
Mar-May 1/	250	260 2/	104	3,018	2,935 2/	97
Jun-Aug	240	245	102	3,075	2,965	96
Sep-Nov	255	260	102	3,028	2,974	98
Pig Crop						
Jun-Aug	2,268	2,238	103	29,240	28,777	98
Sep-Nov	2,397	2,457	103	28,771	28,833	100
	Number					
Pigs Per Litter						
Jun-Aug	9.45	9.50	-	9.51	9.70	-
Sep-Nov	9.40	9.45	-	9.50	9.70	-

1/ January, February, and March through May of following year.

2/ Intentions.